

Minutes: Leesburg Planning Commission September 19, 2002

The Leesburg Planning Commission met on Thursday, September 19, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Staff members present for the meeting were Susan Swift, Randy Hodgson, Lee Phillips, Nick Colonna, Delane Parks, Nancy Kitchens, Charlie Mumaw and Jennifer Moore.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Cliff Vaughan
Commissioner Clem
Commissioner Werner – 7:05
Commissioner Hoovler
Commissioner Kennedy

Absent: Commissioner Bangert
Councilmember Umstatt

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE:

Chairman Vaughan and the Planning Commission recognized Larry Schonberger and Teresa Minchew for their service to the Planning Commission as well as to the Town during their service on the Commission.

Chairman Vaughan presented each former member with a framed 1964 photograph of the Town of Leesburg.

Commissioner Werner read an e-mail that former Commissioner Charlotte Cable wrote to the Commission.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2002 as amended.

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Hoovler
Carried: 5-0

REMARKS BY PETITIONERS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ZOAM – 2002-02 – AMENDMENT TO HOME OCCUPATION REGULATIONS FOR HIGH SPEED INTERNET PROVIDERS – Brian Boucher, Zoning Administrator

Chairman Vaughan recused himself from participation in this application.

Mr. Boucher came forward and gave a brief staff report to the Commission regarding this application.

Michael Rogers of 233 West Market Street came forward to support this application. Mr. Rogers presented additional information to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Rich Dunham of 137 Burnell Place came forward to support this application.

Mr. Derek Hardman of 203 Duvall Court, SE, came forward to support the application. However, he would like for the Commission to look at radio frequency transmissions and the interference associated with it.

Mr. Sandy Donaldson of Allspeed.net came forward to discuss the application. Mr. Donaldson stated that he is for repeating signals from residential homes. He stated that he is against homeowners transmitting from their homes. Mr. Donaldson stated that it would bring a lot of traffic to the residential areas and that these types of business should be operating out of a commercial building.

Mr. Chris Chamberlain of Skynet Access came forward to discuss the application. Mr. Chamberlain asked several questions regarding enforcement and the Zoning Ordinance. He believes that there should be a common set of rules to make everything “a level playing field”.

Mrs. Laurie Dunham of 137 Burnell Place, SE, came forward to support this application and to answer questions that had previously been raised.

Mr. Steve Williams of Skynet Access came forward to oppose the application. Mr. Williams stated that his concern is the amount of space available to share and wonders how the Town will regulate that.

Mr. Michael Rogers of 233 West Market Street came forward again to speak about prior comments.

Vice-Chairman Clem closed the public hearing.

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Mr. Boucher came forward to address questions raised by the public and from the Commission regarding the application.

Vice-Chairman Clem and Commissioner Kennedy stated that they did not feel comfortable voting on this application because they still had questions raised by the public hearing.

Commissioner Werner stated that in the past the Commission has waived the 10-day waiting period and voted on an application, however that was not done if citizens spoke against the application during the public hearing.

The Commission decided to hold the public hearing open for 10-days for written comments from the public.

Chairman Vaughan recognized Council members Marty Martinez, Bob Zoldos and Mervin Jackson, who were present in the audience.

SE 2002-03 – FIRST CITIZENS BANK – Randy Hodgson, Chief of Comprehensive Planning

Mr. Hodgson came forward to present a staff report to the Commission regarding this application.

Mr. Steve Robbin, representative for the applicant came forward to answer questions from the Commission.

Ms. Sally Rich of 313 Edwards Ferry Road came forward to speak. Ms. Rich stated that overall she is in favor of the application; she did however have specific questions and request for the Commission and staff.

Mr. Fred Howard of 311 Edwards Ferry Road came forward and echoed Ms. Rich's comments.

Mr. Robbin and Mr. Dave Bowers, representatives for the applicant came forward to answer questions that had been raised by Ms. Rich.

The Commission will hold the public hearing open for 10 days for public comment.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:

None

ZONING:

None

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING:

None

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

None

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commission Kennedy stated that he had joined the IT and ED's Broad Band Subcommittee.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

PROCESS FOR REVIEW OF PLANNING COMMISSION BYLAWS

The Planning Commission decided that they would discuss changing Section 1.3 and Section 1.5 of the Bylaws at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Chairman Vaughan asked that Planning Commissioners make every effort to come to the meeting on time, he also asked that if a Commissioner is going to be absent, please let the Clerk of the Commission know prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Jennifer Moore, Commission Clerk

Cliff Vaughan, Chairman